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Our Case No. 10466/140
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kevin P. Baker et al.)
Serial No.: 09/944,929) Examiner: Nancy T. Vogel
Filing Date: August 31, 2001) Group Art Unit No.: 1636
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed October 6, 2004 and the Examiner's Answer mailed January 5, 2006 in response to Applicants' Appeal Brief, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the appeal and request continued examination in light of the following remarks.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.